



Report on the part of the final state examination Record of the thesis defence

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Title of the thesis: Investigating international factors aiding an authoritarian turn: The case of Tunisia
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Language of the thesis: English
Language of defence: English
Advisor: Paola Rivetti, Dr.
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Attempt: regular

Course of defence: The committee started the defense by inviting the student to reflect on the research objectives, theoretical background, methodological framework and major empirical findings. The student provided an in-depth analysis of the thesis, both in theoretical and empirical terms, pointing out how to advance the study of a very relevant topic of foreign influence in domestic affairs in the case of Tunisia. The committee summarized comments from the reviewers and asked the student to respond to the critical issues. The student acknowledged certain shortfalls, while demonstrating the capability to defend his arguments and research claims.

Result of defence: very good (C)

Chair of the board: PhDr. JUDr. Tomáš Karásek, Ph.D. (present)

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